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**ARMY SHARED KNOWLEDGE -
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
(ASK-FM)**

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ODS History

- ✓ **Production December 1998**
- ✓ **Serves as Information Traffic Cop**
- ✓ **Accounting crosswalk between Class I and AMC for DSSN 5570**



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ODS Description

- ✓ **The Operational Data Store:**
 - ✓ **an Oracle 9.2 relational database in the DISA environment**
 - ✓ **receives, processes, and interfaces data from/to current Accounting & Finance systems**
 - ✓ **current operational data that can be queried**
 - ✓ **a problem solving tool for the field users**
 - ✓ **at transaction level**
 - ✓ **by type of business, not application**
 - ✓ **access is controlled by User IDs and passwords**
 - ✓ **Validation routines (e.g., valid APC, voucher total equals sum of detail records, duplicate payment checks, etc.)**
 - ✓ **Audit Journal tracks all changes by USERID**



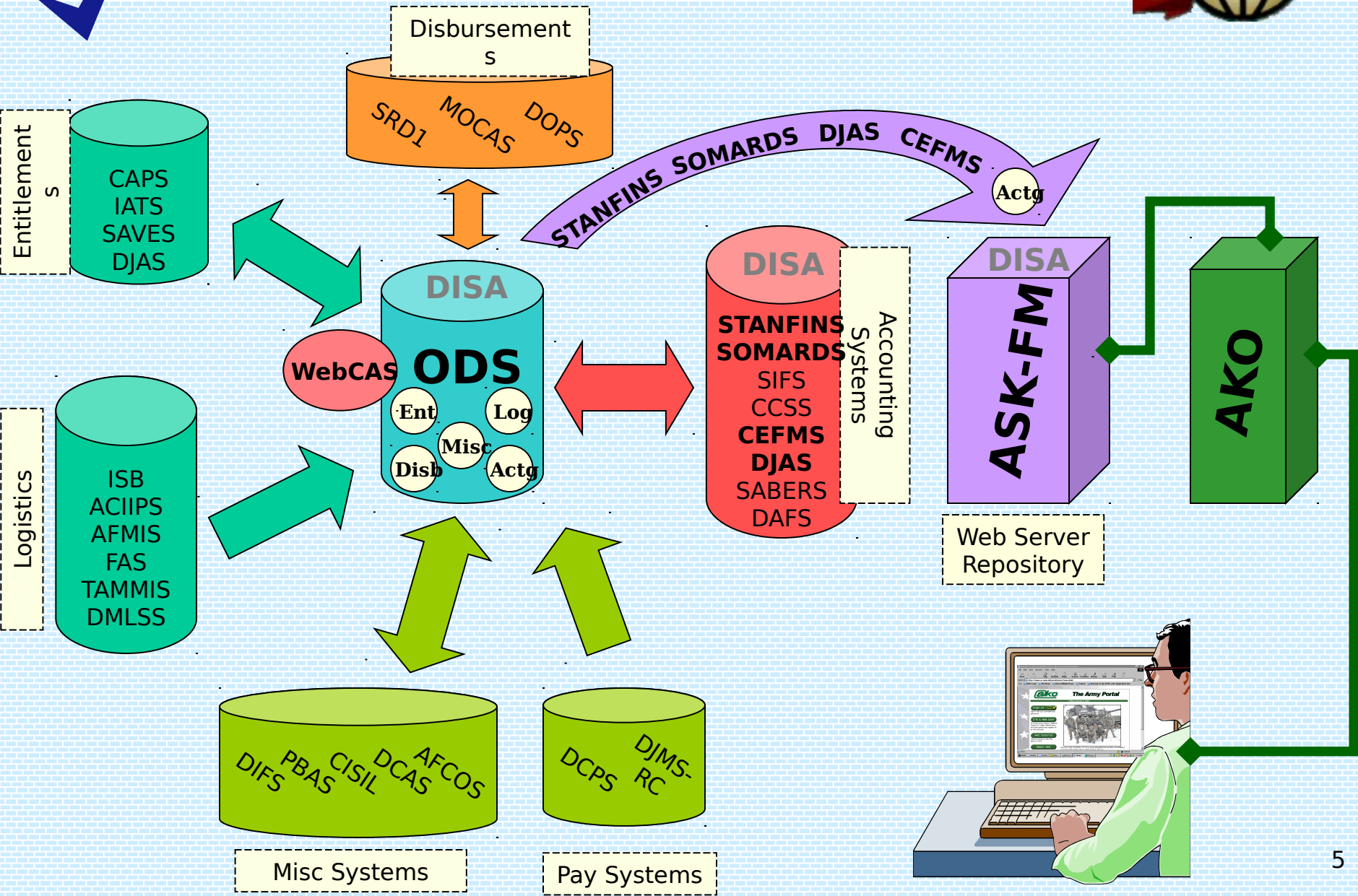
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ASK-FM Description

- ✓ **The ASK-FM:**
 - ✓ **Web based, Thin/Full-Client**
 - ✓ **a Business Intelligence application**
 - ✓ **source of data is ODS**
 - ✓ **Near real-time data**
 - ✓ **Enterprise & detail view of data**
 - ✓ **Drillable**
 - ✓ **Query capability**
 - ✓ **controlled by User IDs and passwords with permissions**
 - ✓ **Row level security capable**
 - ✓ **Linked to AKO and DFAS ePortal**
 - ✓ **uses Business Objects software 6.0**
 - ✓ **Application Foundation**
 - ✓ **Info View**





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ASK-FM Training

- ✓ **Basic Users**
 - ✓ No training required. Simple click and drill technology accesses published reports.
- ✓ **Report Designers**
 - ✓ WebIntelligence Reporting
 - ✓ To access, create, format, or distribute reports using WebIntelligence.
- ✓ **Advanced Report Designers and Dashboard Administrators**
 - ✓ WebIntelligence for Users,
 - ✓ Business Objects Core Reporting Concepts,
 - ✓ Intermediate Reporting Concepts,
 - ✓ Advance Reporting Concepts.
- ✓ **Knowledge Accelerator - Online training**



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ASK-FM, WebCAS & ODS Hardware

- ✓ **Feb 2004 - ASA-FM&C obtain user population for initial phase.**
- ✓ **March 2004 - Finalize gauges/reports with Army.**
- ✓ **April 2, 2004 - ODS/ASK-FM DISA hardware installed**
- ✓ **and ready to load software.**
- ✓ **April 2004 - Load ODS/ASK-FM software and test.**
- ✓ **April 26, 2004 - ASK-FM Demo to Mr. Gregory**
- ✓ **April 28, 2004 - ASK-FM Conference at DFAS-IN**
- ✓ **May 1-15, 2004 - ASK-FM Phase 1 deployment to HQDA users.**
- ✓ **May 16-31, 2004 - ASK-FM Phase 1 deployment to MACOM users.**



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ODS Contacts

- ✓ **Web Page -**
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